

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 7, 11-15, 19, 22-24, and 27 remain in the application. Claims 1, 3, 7, 15, 19, 23, and 27 have been amended. Claims 2, 4-6, 8-10, 16-18, 20, 21, 25, and 26 have been canceled.

In the Office Action mailed August 19, 2004, the Examiner found claims 11-14, 19, 22, and 24 to be allowable. The remaining claims were rejected as either anticipated or obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,740,355 ("Thiemann").


Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 11-14, 19, 22, and 24, and requests further examination with respect to the remaining claims in this application.

Independent claims 1, 3, 7, 15, 19, 23, and 27 have all been amended to recite the transparent sheet of flexible material to have "a plurality of lines" formed thereon. In addition, these claims have been amended to remove the recitation of the "plurality of lines" with respect to the transparent sheet of rigid material. In view of the Examiner's remarks regarding the reasons for allowance of claims 11-14, 19, 22, and 24, applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 3, 7, 15, 19, 23, and 27, as well as any claims depending therefrom, are now in condition for allowance.

In the event the Examiner finds minor informalities that can be resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is urged to contact applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900 in order to expeditiously resolve prosecution of this application. Consequently, early and favorable action allowing these claims and passing this case to issuance is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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